

I am very concerned by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry show, "Stolen Honor," shortly before the presidential election. I have learned that it is a one-sided view of the candidate and does not further open, fact-based discussion of the relative merits of the candidates. As custodians of the public airwaves, which they use free of charge, Sinclair has the obligation to use those airwaves in a responsible way.

At the very least, if they can't refrain from broadcasting "Stolen Honor," they should also give equal time to anti-Bush or pro-Kerry shows such as "Going Upriver." This would approximate the responsible approach of giving viewers balanced coverage of this absolutely crucial issue--who will be our next president.

Also, the fact that Sinclair headquarters can control what its stations on the matter of our public elections is of grave concern. This is a dangerous effect of media consolidation that the FCC must address and correct.